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Claim Status

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Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-15 were pending in the application: Applicant has further cancelled claim 9-15. Claims 1, 3, 5-8 remain in the application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Hull et al. (US patent 6,720,863) in view of Kopp et al. (US pub. patent app. 2003/02532800) in further view of Tendler (US Pub. 2003/0109244).

Hull shows a communication device with LEDs disposed behind or optically coupled to buttons on the keypad of the device. These LEDs are used to indicate received messages.

Hull was combined with Kopp to show an interface that is detachably coupled to the communication device. Kopp shows a *retractable* keypad. The retractable keypad is simply moveable from a concealed position to an exposed position. Kopp does not teach that the keypad may be detached, or that the keypad is designed to be detached for changing the keypad for other aftermarket keypads. The sections of Kopp referred to in the Rejection, 0006-0021, 0034, do not show a detachable keypad, but do show a retractable keypad. Applicant teaches on page 6, lines 11-17, for example, that the interface is removable and may be used to replace a stock or standard keypad of the communication device. Kopp's keypad, while moveable, is not removable such that it can be replaced with another keypad.

With regard to the selection of color by the user, Hull was further combined with Tendler to show user selectability of color, and cited Tendler at 0012 and the abstract as showing a selector for defining a color of light. With respect, Applicant has read these section, and the rest of Tendler, and cannot find any subject matter resembling this claim limitation. IN fact Applicant find no mention of LEDs or lighting of any kind. Respectfully, Applicant requests a more specific citation, referring and quoting the specific text of Tendler to the which the Rejection refers.

Accordingly, as Hull taken with Kopp would produce a communication device with a retractable keypad with illumination, but not a detachable interface as claimed by applicant, and because Hull, Kopp, and Tendler taken together do not show Applicant's claim limitation of a

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user-selectable color, Applicant respectfully contends that claim 1 is allowable over the cited references. Claims 3, 5, and 6, which depend from claim 1, are likewise believed to be allowable.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Hull, Kopp, and Tendler in further view of Dobler and Mosebrook.

Hull, Kopp, and Tendler were cited against claim 7 for the same reasons as they were cited against claim 1. Claim 7 contains the same claim limitations as claim 1 for which Kopp and Tendler were cited. In view of the explanation and argument respectfully provided hereinabove with regard to claim 1, Applicant likewise respectfully contends Kopp and Tendler do not show the claim limitations for which they were asserted with regard to claim 7, either. Accordingly, Applicant believes claim 7, and therefore dependent claims 9-11 are therefore also allowable.

The Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited by the Applicants.

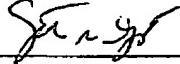
In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overpayment, to Motorola, Inc., Deposit Account Number 50-2117.

Respectfully submitted,

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